

I wish to make a statement of protest concerning Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air a wholly political "smear campaign" broadcast about John Kerry two weeks prior to the November 2 election.

Along with countless thousands of others, I fear the corporate power that is directing this action, and the lack of FCC intervention to guarantee that local needs and issues, not personal nor political favoritism, is served by use of public airwaves.

If the FCC does not intervene in this matter, can we then assume that private electioneering will become the new foundation of broadcast media? I don't want to believe that the laws designed to prevent and protect the public from such actions are totally ignorable if one possesses the financial foundation to control and intimidate. Please do not facilitate yet another demonstration of the erosion of public rights in favor of private power.

Thank you.